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POLAND-USSR: Mediation Attempts by the Church

The Church is trying to mediate between the Polish party and Solidarity, but some tough talk by officials on both sides will help keep tensions high. [REDACTED]

Archbishop Glemp met last Thursday with party leader Kania and Premier Jaruzelski--at their request--before meeting with Solidarity chief Walesa and several of his advisers the next day. According to a Church official, Kania sought the Archbishop's help in impressing upon the union leaders the enormous Soviet pressure on the regime and the gravity of the situation. [REDACTED]

The Church official believes that the current tense situation could deteriorate rapidly if parliament--which meets on Thursday and Friday--approves laws on self-management that are unacceptable to Solidarity.. He apparently has concluded that highhandedness by the regime on this issue would provoke a new sense of militancy at the union congress. [REDACTED]

If the regime follows past practice, however, it is likely to delay the bill, using any number of parliamentary procedures to do so. Such a delay would give union moderates a chance to gain an advantage at the second session of the congress. Solidarity representatives yesterday met again with parliamentary deputies, presumably to lobby for changes in the bill that would give workers' councils a larger voice in selecting factory managers. [REDACTED]

Deputy Premier Rakowski yesterday reportedly ruled out any new talks with the union, claiming that it had buried its policy of cooperation during the first session of its congress. Solidarity's national press spokesman said that the Soviet message had angered union members and that the union refused to be intimidated. [REDACTED]

Pressure From Moscow Continues

Moscow is maintaining pressure on the Polish regime to act more firmly against leaders of dissident organizations and "extremists" in Solidarity. The Soviets may

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be urging Warsaw to enact some form of emergency rule if only on a regional basis. The latest commentary, however, still falls short of calling for emergency measures throughout Poland, outlawing Solidarity, or outright prohibition of the second session of its congress. [REDACTED]

A TASS report from Warsaw yesterday charged that Solidarity's leaders, encouraged by "subversive centers" in the West, are preparing to use the second session of the congress to wield the economic reform issue in an effort to seize political power. The report also charged that Solidarity's organizations in "certain regions" of Poland are creating "acute conflict situations," on the assumption that Polish authorities will be unable to offer serious resistance to their plans. [REDACTED]

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